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For: **ALLOY AND TUBE FOR NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY AND
METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

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1. 7 sheets of specification (including cover sheet), 1 sheets of claims, and 1 sheet of abstract.
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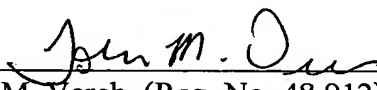
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